

**MINUTES  
ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL AGENCY  
TRI-ANNUAL MEETING  
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
AUGUST 23, 2019**

**Board Members Present:** Shirley R. Madigan, Chairman;  
Rhoda A. Pierce, Vice Chairman/Secretary;  
Rich Daniels; Beth Boosalis Davis;  
Christina K. Gidwitz; Henry D. Godinez;  
Desiree Grode; Jodie S. Kavensky;  
Valerie King; Gary Matts; Peggy Montes;  
Christina Steelman; Tim Touhy

**Board Members Absent:** Jill Arena; Lisa Dent Flesner; Jennifer Levine;  
Sheila M. O'Brien; Cecilia Rodhe; Don Wiener

Chairman Madigan called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. She thanked the Board members for attending the vitally important meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2018 BOARD MEETING**

It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the Minutes of the November 16, 2018 Board meeting, as presented in the Board book under Tab 1, be approved. The motion carried.

**FISCAL REPORT**

- **FY19 12- MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT**

It was moved by Christina Gidwitz and seconded that the FY19, 12-Month Financial Report ending June 30, 2019, as presented in the Board book under Tab 2, be approved. The motion carried.

**BUDGET REPORT**

- **FY20 BUDGET**

The Illinois Arts Council Agency's FY20 Budget appropriation remains at \$13,800,000, the same as in FY19.

It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the FY20 Budget, as presented in the Board book under Tab 3, be approved. The motion carried.

The amount of \$50,000,000 was appropriated to the Illinois Arts Council Agency from the Rebuild Illinois Projects Fund for capital grants to arts organizations for permanent improvements.

**It was moved by Henry Godinez and seconded that when the \$50,000,000 in funding becomes available, the Illinois Arts Council Agency staff is authorized to move forward with administering funding for capital programs as presented by the Governor and the Legislature. The motion carried.**

**In a separate appropriation from the General Revenue Fund, the amount of \$500,000 was authorized for the Illinois Arts Council Agency to be used for operational expenses associated with administering the capital grants.**

**It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that authorization be approved for a salary increase request for Illinois Arts Council Agency Merit Compensation staff to be sent to the Governor. The motion carried.**

#### **APPROVAL OF FY20 GRANTS**

**It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the FY20 Grants, as presented in the Board book under Tab 4, pages 1-20, be approved. The motion carried.**

**ABSTENTIONS: Beth Boosalis Davis 0032 Northlight Theatre, 0539 Steppenwolf Theatre Company; Christina K. Gidwitz 0673 Loyola University Chicago, 0427 Lyric Opera of Chicago, 0667 Ryan Opera Center; Henry Godinez 0578 Albany Park Theater Project, 0053 Chicago Children's Theatre, 0487 Goodman Theatre, 0512 Northwestern University, 0509 Writers Theatre; Shirley R. Madigan 0673 Loyola University Chicago, 0512 Northwestern University; Peggy Montes 0400, 0285, 0274, 0267, 0244 Art Institute of Chicago, 0226 Bronzeville Children's Museum, 0223 School of the Art Institute.**

#### **RATIFICATION OF FY19 and FY20 GRANTS**

**It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the FY19 and FY20 Grants, as presented in the Board book under Tab 5, pages 1-22, be ratified. The motion carried.**

**ABSTENTIONS: Beth Boosalis Davis 1584 Northlight Theatre, 1901 Steppenwolf Theatre Company; Henry Godinez 1631 Albany Park Theater Project, 1650 Chicago Children's Theatre; Peggy Montes 1812 Art Institute of Chicago.**

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Chairman Madigan shared that she received many positive comments from the field regarding the Illinois Arts Council Agency's panel review process held in the spring and summer. She commended the staff and the Board for their excellent work. She also reported that the auditors were in the process of a biennial review of Illinois Arts Council Agency's records. Chairman Madigan noted that Rhoda Pierce had recently chaired the Arts Midwest's Transition Committee to replace long-time President and CEO, David Fraher, who retired after 37 years of service. As a result of the committee's hard work, Mr. Torrie Allen, former director of development at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, has accepted the position. Chairman Madigan then shared sad news about the passing of three former staff members, Desmond duMont, Richard Carlson and Walter Buford. All three provided excellent service during their time with the Illinois Arts Council Agency and they will be missed.**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Executive Director Joshua Davis announced that Fiscal Year 2019 was a very successful year. The Illinois Arts Council Agency relaunched the Artist Fellowship Awards and the Literary Awards Programs, receiving over 600 applications from the field. He noted that the strategic planning process is continuing with the completion of a significant number of one-on-one interviews performed with organizations throughout the state. Illinois Arts Council Agency staff members were also surveyed. In the coming weeks, 1,800 Illinois Arts Council Agency grantees will receive an online survey seeking their input for the Strategic Plan. Fiscal year 2020 has started off well with the completion of panel reviews of Program Grant applications. Other significant Illinois Arts Council Agency accomplishments include: the transition to the Department of Innovation and Technology and to the Enterprise Resource Planning system. Moving forward, areas of focus will include working to transition to the Grants Accountability & Transparency Unit and replacing the Illinois Arts Council Agency's current grants management system.**

**It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the Illinois Arts Council Agency, having completed its scheduled business, be adjourned. The motion carried.**

**Chairman Madigan adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhoda A. Pierce".

**Rhoda A. Pierce, Vice Chairman/Secretary**